

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were previously pending in this patent application. Claims 20-21 were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction and election requirement under 35 U.S.C. Section 121. Claims 1, 2, 9, and 10 stand rejected. Claims 3-8 are objected to. Further, Claims 11-19 are allowable. Herein, Claims 1 and 4-8 have been amended. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Accordingly, after this Amendment and Response, Claims 1-19 remain pending in this patent application. Further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth below is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 9, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fang et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,818,519 (hereafter Fang). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Dependent Claim 3, which depends from Independent Claim 1, stands objected to as being dependent upon a base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Herein, the limitations of dependent Claim 3 have been incorporated into Independent Claim 1. Dependent Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Independent Claim 1 is patentable over Fang and is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 2 and 9-10 are dependent on allowable Independent Claim 1, which is allowable over Fang. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Dependent Claims 2 and 9-10 are patentable over Fang for the reasons discussed above.

Claim Objections

Claims 3-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Dependent Claims 4-8 are dependent on allowable Independent Claim 1, which is allowable over Fang. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Dependent Claims 4-8 are patentable over Fang for the reasons discussed above.

Claims 11-19

Claims 11-19 are allowable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the above arguments and remarks overcome all rejections. All remaining claims (Claims 1-2 and 4-19) are neither anticipated nor obvious in view of the cited references. For at least the above-presented reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims (Claims 1-2 and 4-19) are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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